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WORLD ARGONAUTS LEAVE FAR EAST NOW WING THEIR WAY TO THE WEST

The globe-grinding Argonauts led by Monroe and Isabel Smith, now in Egypt or on their way to Athens, Greece, recently sent back a report that covered their stop-overs in Tokyo, Japan; Hong Kong, China; Bangkok, Siam; and Calcutta, India.

In Tokyo the group toured the city, and many of the surrounding villages, and went to visit some of the shrines, as well as taking trips to the mountains. They visited the Imperial gardens and the museum. Also while in Tokyo, the Smiths had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin (Mrs. Durgin, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lafelle of this town). They also visited the University where in the words of Isabel Smith, "they gave us a great ovation in their auditorium with flowers and speeches and a band. We were feasted and feted, laughed over and lauded and loved until we tore ourselves away for a midnight flight to Hong Kong."

Hong Kong, with one of the most beautiful harbors in the world, presented a picture of motion and color with the vast theatre of Chinese water life, junks, fishing boats, ferries, water taxis, great ominous battleships and gay steamers. The influx of refugees has been very great since the onrush of the

Chinese Red Army. Squalor and beauty go together in this great Chinese city, with children sleeping and playing in the streets dressed in dirty rags. Old men smoke opium and play chess. The group had an opportunity to buy jade, ivory, silks and leather goods during their three day stop over in Hong Kong.

The next stop in the itinerary was Bangkok, and again quoting Isabel Smith, "From the plane the country looked like a vast emerald, so much of it was water. From time to time, set in stately water were the light roofs of temples, lines of feathery, green trees and little brown thatched houses were visible."

"Men, women and children were working in the fields in ankle-deep water — wading along with their water buffalo. The children 'are as thick as spatter, mostly naked or wrapped in brief rags, and as gay and saucy as sparrows.'"

Later, during the stay in Bangkok, the group Argonauts went on a trip along the canals to see the floating markets.

From Bangkok the trip took them to Calcutta, India, where another three day stop-over gave them an opportunity to see many places and meet many important officials.

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS TO PLAY IN CONN., ALSO PICK TWO NEW TEAMS

Northfield Little League competition will reach a climax this Saturday at 2:30, August 6, when the Red Sox and the Blue Sox play the rubber game of a five game series. Each team has won two games in the series thus far, and this final game should be a humdinger, with all the chips down.

Following the game a 12 man all-star team will be chosen, for further competition with Little Leaguers from other communities.

The Little League All-Star team will play a two game series with a Middletown, Conn. aggregation, the first game will be played in the Conn. town on August 15 as an exhibition game prior to the championship game. Then the Conn. team will return the visit by coming of Northfield for a game with the local All-Stars on August

20 at the high school grounds.

Following the conclusion of the present series two new complete teams of Red Sox and Blue Sox will be picked from boys who have not played on either of the squads. The boys, aged 8 to 12, are urged to come for tryouts, so that two complete teams can be formed immediately. These two teams will then play another five game series, and in all probability if time permits an All-Star team will be chosen from the latter group to play the present All-Star team.

If plans materialize all the boys' two complete teams will go to Middletown by bus for the game on August 15. A number of local fans will also make the trip to watch Conn. Little League competition. The Conn. League has been organized for a number of years.

REG. CONSOLIDATION BILL NOW LAW PRELIMINARY PLANS MADE BY TOWNS

Late this week Supt. F. Sumner Turner received word from Sen. Ralph C. Mahar of Orange that Gov. Paul A. Dever had signed the "regional consolidation school" bill, thus making it a law.

The bill (HR2300 and S997) was passed keeping intact the portion of the bill granting a maximum of 65% of state aid to participating towns.

All other towns of School Union 22, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick and Leyden, were notified immediately and plans were made for meetings leading to a town meeting in each community.

It may be assumed that the Sept.

9 OPCO sponsored public forum will include several members of the Mass. General Court.

Substitute Nurse For August

From August 4 through September 5, Miss Barbara Mankowsky, public health nurse here, will be on vacation. Any needing service should notify Mrs. Windom Holloway of Main street. Tel. 329.

During July, Miss Mankowsky made 156 visits. Of these 54 were to patients with chronic illness and 61 to patients with acute illness. She attended one delivery and cared for nine post-partum cases, 10 infant supervision, and seven school children. Three were taken to dental clinics and 11 were transported to doctors or hospitals.

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CPC MAKES PLANS FOR PUBLIC FORUM TO STUDY REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION

The first in a series of forums for the consideration of Regional Consolidation has been set for Sept. 9, 1949 by the Central Planning Committee.

This forum is expected to precede the calling of a special town meeting for the appointment of a three-man committee to study all phases of regional consolidation in conjunction with the four other towns of School Union 22.

Supt. F. Sumner Turner reported that the bill itself was in the hands of Governor Paul A. Dever and awaiting his signature. Authoritative sources in the State House have indicated that the bill (HR2300) dealing with regional consolidation would become law very soon. Only minor changes in the bill are anticipated. An amendment to lower the proposed 65% state grant to those communities participating in a regional consolidation was defeated.

Supt. Turner, who was elected to membership at the last OPC meeting, also explained the procedure involved in bringing the regional consolidation before the public. He noted that three town meetings would be necessary if regional consolidation was to become a reality in School Union 22. The first town meeting would be called to appoint a three-man committee to join other communities in a study of the project. The second town meeting would be called to hear a report of this committee and to allow this committee, or another appointed committee, to go ahead with the final plans for consolidation. The third town meeting would vote the money necessary for the construction and establish-

ment of a regional consolidated high school, grades six to twelve. It is expected that the bill itself, as well as much more added information, would be on hand for the Sept. 9 OPC forum at the town hall.

The OPC voted to sponsor the appearance of the Red Cross Blood Mobile in Northfield on August 17, Wednesday. A committee, composed of Ted Powell, Mrs. Dan O'Keefe, Mrs. Albert R. Raymond, Alvin C. Porter and Byron Russell, is making arrangements for the day.

Mrs. Helen Benney reported on the swimming pool situation and read several paragraphs from the recent letter received from the State Board of Health.

A number of guests were present at the meeting, and it was voted to continue the practice at all future meetings, that in each member is to bring a guest to each meeting of the OPC.

The next meeting of the OPC will be held on August 26 at the town hall.

Unto Hantunen presided in the absence of Dr. J. W. Bennett, chairman, and the following members were present: Byron Russell, Garden Club; Mrs. Helen Benney, 4-H Club; Mrs. N. Ray Smith, WCTU; Alvin C. Porter, P.T.A.; Ted Powell, American Legion; Miss Elsie S. Scott, Historical Society; Mrs. Albert R. Raymond, Girl Scout Troop Committee; Mrs. Dan O'Keefe, VFW Auxiliary; Mott P. Guhe, Town Recreation Committee; Mrs. Isabel Carter, Northfield Grange; I. J. Lawrence, School Committee; Unto Hantunen, The Northfield Press; Supt. F. Sumner Turner.

GENERAL CONFERENCE TO CLOSE WITH CONCERT, ADDRESS, SUNDAY SERVICE

An informal presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "Trial by Jury", will be staged by the Northfield General Conference Choir as the second half of their regional concert Saturday, August 6, 1949 in the auditorium. The first half will consist of choral and classical numbers in which they will be assisted by Mrs. Virginia Boynton Raymond, contralto, and the Northfield Hotel string trio.

The concert, which is open to the public, will be directed by Albert R. Raymond, choral director of the Northfield Schools, with Carlton L'Honnedeau, of the Mount Hermon School music department as accompanist. The dramatic director of the operetta will be Thomas Donovan of the Mount Hermon faculty.

The choir is made up of summer conference employees and all are Northfield Schools students or alumni.

Other events open to the public during the closing days of the General Conference are an address by Stanley High, editor of the Reader's Digest, Friday at 8 p. m. in the Auditorium and two Sunday services with Dr. Frederick W. Norwood, well known British minister, as the preacher. The morning service will be in the auditorium at 11 o'clock; the evening service in Russell Sage Chapel at 8 o'clock.

The Conference, which will close Monday morning, will end the session of almost eight weeks' duration. Six individual conferences have been held and more than 2500 delegates have been entertained in the buildings of the Northfield School for Girls. In addition, many local and summer residents and transients have attended the daily and Sunday worship services in the Auditorium and Russell Sage Chapel.

Dr. William E. Park, President of the Northfield Schools is chairman of the Summer Conferences and presiding officer of the General Conference.

Information for VETERANS Questions - Answers

Q—I was honorably discharged from the Women's Army Corps and am assured I meet eligibility requirements for Federal benefits. In case of emergency, will the Government assume my hospital expenses in a private hospital without prior VA authorization?

A—The Government will pay for such emergency treatment in a private hospital for a service-connected ailment, or for a non-service connected disorder, or for treatment to prevent the interruption of vocational training under Public Law 16, provided Government facilities were not feasibly available and delay would be hazardous.

Q—I am a World War II veteran and suffer from a non-service-connected disability. Am I entitled to an examination for my disability?

A—No. Such service is not authorized unless required by VA in connection with adjudication of a claim for compensation or pension.

Q—May I, a World War II veteran, have a physical check-up by VA without going to the hospital?

A—No.

Q—I was discharged after service during World War II and would like to know if I can get glasses through VA?

A—You may get glasses if they are determined necessary for a service-connected disability, or if they are a necessary part of your hospital treatment or domiciliary care, or to prevent interruption of Public Law 16 vocational training.

EXTENSION WORK TOWN COMMITTEE TO MEET - PUBLIC URGED TO ATTEND

A very important meeting for all women of Northfield and its districts will be held in the Center School, Wednesday, August 10, at 10:30 a. m.

This meeting is to elect new officers and district representatives to the town committee which operates in connection with extension service work. There will be reports by members of the town committee on various projects completed this year. There will be an open discussion for consideration of the courses the women wish this year. Any woman or group of women desiring courses should attend this

meeting to express their opinions. Any suggestions or criticisms will be welcome at this time. It is hoped there will be someone to care for children on the playground. Those planning to stay all day should bring their lunches.

In connection with this meeting there will be an exhibit of work done this year in the: dress, coat, upholstery, furniture refinishing, and slip cover classes. These women are anxious to have the public see this work.

At 1 p. m. there will be a sewing machine attachment clinic for all interested in this very popular course. These clinics are being held with the town committee meetings because of the demand. Everyone is welcome.

The present town committee members are: Mrs. Francis Reed, chairman; Mrs. George Sheldon, vice-chairman; Mrs. Charles White, publicity; Mrs. Laurence Hammond, district representative from Northfield Farms; and Mrs. F. Earl Lilly, district representative from West Northfield.

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Eighteen (18) through fifty-nine (59), inclusive. Single minors must have written legal permission from parent or legal guardian. Married minors who are self-supporting may not need written parental permission, depending on state and local laws.

SEX:
Male and female donors are accepted.

RACE:
Members of all races may donate.

NOURISHMENT:
1. Eat a regular meal at least four (4) or more hours before giving blood.
2. Avoid eating the following during the 4-hour period before donating: Fats (such as cream, butter, mayonnaise, ice cream, fatty meats), fried foods, and eggs.
3. The following foods may be taken during the 4-hour period before donating: fruit, fruit juices, bread, crackers, dry toast, raw vegetables or vegetables boiled in plain water; jam, jelly, or honey; skimmed milk; black coffee or tea with sugar.

FREQUENCY:
Eight (8) weeks must elapse between donations. Only five (5) donations are permitted during any twelve-month period.

Blood Donor Day will be observed in Northfield on Wednesday, August 17, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., with the Blood Donor Center located in the Congregational church.

The program carried out by the County Chapter of the American Red Cross in conjunction with the local Central Planning Committee is seeking 140 donors in Northfield. Registration blanks are available from various members of the OPC, at the Northfield Pharmacy and at the A. P. Fitt Insurance Agency, Book Store Building, East Northfield. The master plan for time schedules will be at the A. P. Fitt Agency. For registration by phone call 457.

Transportation will be available on Blood Donor Day and all persons desiring to donate blood, and do not have transportation, will be transported to and from the Blood Donor Center.

It is hoped by the committee that the many people who participated in the Blood Donor Day in 1947 will register again this year.

The age limit for donors is 18-59, with all those under 21 needing a release from parents or guardian.

A recent meeting of the Central Planning Committee, Malcolm Baker, blood donor field representative from the North Atlantic area office in New York city spoke on the donor program.

"The goal is to provide blood and blood derivatives for medical use, without charge for the products, to all the people of the country who may need them," Baker explained. Once the national program is in full operation, blood will be available to meet the daily needs of every community as well as to help other communities crippled by disaster or emergencies, he continued.

Because of the prospective broad scope, the program will have a gradual beginning, Baker noted. From three to five years will be needed to reach high speed, but when that is accomplished, the network will include scores of fixed centers with one or more mobile units operating from each.

He pointed out that blood is received once a week by the Franklin County and Warren Memorial Hospitals from the Boston headquarters. To compensate for what is drawn from the state headquarters, Franklin county conducts five blood donor days a year and the traveling units stop here with trained medical workers.

Members of the local OPC committee arranging for Blood Donor Day are, Ted Powell, Mrs. Albert R. Raymond, Mrs. Dan O'Keefe, Byron Russell and Alvin C. Porter.

Present at a recent meeting in Northfield were the following County Red Cross and blood donor officials were: W. C. Peckard, chairman of the county blood donor committee; Miss Olive Lane, executive secretary; Mrs. Joseph Gordon, Coaster chairman; George F. Billings, Director of Safety Services for the County Red Cross.

Pool Report Petition Nearly Complete

It was reported this week that nearly enough names were on the petitions circulating in town calling for a special town meeting in order to hear the report of the Swimming Pool Committee. 240 names of registered voters are required.

It is not expected that the petitions will be submitted immediately, but will be held until a final decision is made on holding a special town meeting for the appointment of committee for the study of regional consolidation. It would then be possible to hear the Swimming Pool Committee report as well as the Town Recreation committee report.

The committee, in conjunction with engineers, has been investigating newly suggested sites for the swimming pool.

Town Topics

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Bramble have purchased the summer cottage of Miss Isabel Warden of Pine road, Rustic Ridge.

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The "Long Roll"

For more than a year the PRESS has been fostering the thought of a community swimming pool. More recently it has urged the combination of a swimming pool and a general outdoor recreation area. It has urged that it be combined under the single heading of a "Northfield War Memorial Park". The two veterans' organizations in town have gone on record as favoring the idea. The Northfield Brotherhood has also gone on record as favoring a Northfield War Memorial Park.

The PRESS does not in any way infer that the idea originated with it, or that it has any sole claim to the suggestion.

The PRESS would like to point out, however, when contemplating a site for a War Memorial Park, the significance of choosing a site suited and fitted for a war memorial as being a very important consideration. The site obviously must have beauty. It must have future possibilities. It must have natural advantages. It must be central in location. It should have historic significance. It should be so designed and developed as to add to the natural beauty of Northfield.

If indeed the proposed swimming pool and recreation area is to become a War Memorial Park it might be well to recall a few incidents in the history of Northfield to justify the development of a permanent living memorial to all the men of Northfield who have answered the "long roll" since the first settlement.

In 1675, when the first rumblings of Indian hostilities became apparent, a squad of 20 soldiers was put under the command of Lt. Samuel Wright. These men were then the first defenders of Northfield.

From this day on the men of Northfield were constantly under arms, or in uneasy readiness to bear arms.

As was mentioned in last week's PRESS on Sept. 19, 1709, Capt. Benjamin Wright wrote the Governor in Boston, on the eve of preparation for an expedition to Canada, "Here am I, send me."

When the "shot" that was heard around the world was fired at Lexington on April 19, 1775 the alarm reached Northfield at noon of the 20th. The long roll was beaten by Elihu Lyman and before night Capt. Eldad Wright and his minute men were on the way to Warwick and then to Cambridge.

Throughout the Revolution men of Northfield were at many of the great battles that brought freedom to the colonies.

When the Civil War erupted and flamed into battle, the men of Northfield formed their ranks and went into battle and death at Gettysburg, Bull Run, etc.

The last two great wars added new luster to the already historic record of Northfield's honor roll for the men and women who served.

Let's stop kidding ourselves, and the veterans, about what should be done in the memory of the war dead. If the swimming pool and recreation area as a War Memorial Park is a good idea let's say it — and be done with it. If it is felt that it will be a suitable, lasting and practical memorial — well, let's get to it.

Town Topics

Mrs. Gertrude C. Whitney is spending her vacation in Pownal, Vt.

Church CALENDAR

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.
Sunday, August 7,

11:00 a. m. Worshipping with the General Conference at the Auditorium on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls. Dr. Frederick W. Norwood will preach. Mr. Reeves will conduct a service for children in Sage Chapel.

COMING EVENT
Roller Skating party at the South Deerfield rink on Monday evening, August 22nd, sponsored by the young people.

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Farm Topics

Esteron 44 Results In Wild Onion Curbs Wild Garlic also Found Vulnerable to Solution

Wild garlic, and wild onion long have been two of the most troublesome weeds in southern lawns, pastures and certified grass and grain seed production fields.

As lawn weeds, these plants give the lawn an uneven, ragged appearance and produce a very disagreeable onion odor when mowed. In pastures, dairy cattle feeding on these plants produce milk with an off flavor which is of great concern to dairymen in several states. Seed production has been limited by the presence of wild onions in many fields because of potential contamination.



During the past three years many experiments have been made with varied forms of 2, 4-D to control wild garlic and wild onion. Tests with sodium salt of 2, 4-D were unsuccessful. Esteron 44 and the amine liquid salt formations, however, gave good control when used at the rate of three to four pounds of 2, 4-D acid equivalent per acre. Apparently the amount of water used makes little difference in the results obtained. As many as 125 gallons per acre and a few as five gallons per acre were applied with equal success.

For pasture work, observers agree that Esteron 44 may be somewhat more effective than the amine salts, but because of the possible danger from volatility of the esters of 2, 4-D, it is suggested that the amine liquid salt be used where susceptible plants grow in immediately adjacent areas. (Lawns, for example, with adjacent flowers and shrubs).

Moisture Conservation Helps With Wheat Crop

A 30-acre field that had produced little during the last few years, even with favorable moisture conditions, produced a good wheat crop, according to the Kansas state college extension service.

"A combination of things made the land productive again," a conservation district cooperator said. "Use of sweet clover, seeded in the spring of 1946, for green manure and terracing, and contour farming for moisture conservation were important."

The land, he explained, was badly eroded. The soil was thin, dense and hard to work. It had not produced a decent crop in the previous six years and was practically idle land.

Gullies were plowed shut after the terraces were built, so that the whole field could be contour farmed. In addition, grass waterways were developed and more terraces planned.

New Hay Chopper



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Historical Society

The third opening of the Museum of the Northfield Historical Society comes next Sunday, August 7th from 3:00 to 5:00, this being the next to the last public opening of the season. The last will come on August 21. The admission is free.

A new showcase of hats is as varied an exhibit in period and size as 1807 to 1830, unbelievably huge and almost doll size; dress, work and war occasions. Even the plaster of Paris molds used in an early town industry are of somewhat modern styles. The type of hat made by women and girls at home for spending money some 75 to 85 or more years ago, the very same Amherst company home industry that the Sikes girls who inspired Moody to found his Seminary back in 1875 or 76, is illustrated by a good example along with the company's card of directions. Ever seen a real beaver high hat? We have two from the C. C. Stearns' contribution, in fact his grand-

father, Calvin Stearns' wedding hat of 1807. To this family the town owes its fine old houses, especially of the column type.

A framed hand painting of the 1830's has just been given by Miss Mabel Merriman. A swan, weeping willows, and a cemetery tomb, with a church in the background are the main features in colors. It was done by grandmother, or her sister at Plumtrees district of Sunderland, near Amherst, in the neighborhood of the artist Erasmus Field's studio, after 1850, he having moved there, by the present restored old Hubbard homestead.

From attic to cellar the Museum has quite an educational collection nicely displayed by the Curator, Mr. Joseph Colton, without whom the Museum would not have been started, and some local history might have been forgotten.

By the way, that Northfield Hermit that Mr. Phil Porter recently wrote about in the Northfield Press was a real flesh and blood organism, not just a dream.

The Museum has a picture and a booklet about him.

Ever heard of the silver mine over beyond Wannamaker Lake? The shaft was sunk 90 feet down without finding a profitable quarry. Let us hope not too much of some of the farmers' savings from their cattle business, etc., and other shareholders' means were lost. The man who discovered the first silver was a Mr. Ross who resided at the noted three story building, now the Bronson Nursing Home, but twice a school. Ross manufactured cultivators. There's one in the Museum. Come take a look around.

—Historian—

NEW ARRIVALS

COLLIS

In Franklin County Public hospital, July 31, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Collis of Northfield Farms; granddaughter to Mr. and Mrs. Teofel Dymarsky of Northfield Farms.

GREENWOOD

In Brattleboro Memorial hospital, July 30, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Greenwood of Northfield.

LIVERNOIS

In Brattleboro Memorial hospital, July 31, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Livernois of East Northfield.

Northfield Food Mart Opens Doors, Aug. 12

The Northfield Food Mart, an IOA affiliate, located in the Webster Block, Northfield, will open for business, Friday, August 12, at 9 p. m.

Operating the store will be Wallace Strange and Leonard Barnes. Other members of the staff will be Leroy Barnes and Marguerite Barnes.

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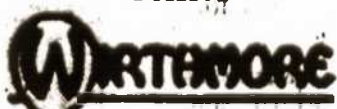
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 And darting like thin flame into
 the still
 Blumbering valley. Now the sheer
 night breeze
 Falters and vanishes; a bluejay
 screams
 Protest above the brook's deserted
 bed
 Where spiders crawl; and from
 uneasy dreams

Men rouse, unwilling and dispirited.
 Before their eyes the grass runs
 like a brown
 Unlovely rug. Pavements move
 crazily
 In a white shimmer of heat, while
 up and down
 The wilted garden roves the fretful
 bee.
 Even though skies shall yield the
 cooling rain,
 Summer is old; it will not sing
 again.

butterflies, and now and then a
 bumblebee. I have noticed swal-
 low-tails, both black and yellow,
 hovering about and this morning a
 monarch butterfly was having his
 fill. The pretty "Silver Spots" or
 fritillaries, are partial to the "blue
 balls", too. The leaves of this
 plant have the thistle characteris-
 tics but are not nearly as prickly
 as our native thistles.

Alice are moving into their new
 residence on School street.
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 Day will be observed August 10;
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pected that a number of local res-
 dents will attend these reunions.
 During the severe electrical
 storm early last Sunday morning,
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 pine tree close to the summer home
 of the Hann family on Pine road

on Rustic Ridge. The tree was
 shattered by the bolt and the in-
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Not an optimistic picture, yet
 it reflects in large measure the
 sort of weather we have been per-
 spiring through these many weeks.
 I found the above poem in a Satur-
 day Evening Post for August 21,
 1937, that I had happened to save.
 We have experienced devastating
 drought, scorching heat, torrential
 rain, rattling hail and twisting
 winds, yet who shall say "Summer
 will not sing again" Even now a
 bird is singing optimistically out
 here in the thicket. He has been
 puzzling me for some time: a
 single emphatic note followed by
 a trill, repeated over and over
 again. I don't profess to be a bird
 woman. I wish some reader would
 suggest what it might be. I've only
 been hearing it within the past few
 weeks.
 Just now a young jay tried to do
 an acrobatic stunt on the clothes-
 line. The line was slack and he
 bounced up and down but managed to
 retain his equilibrium.
 We need so much more rain.
 Green patches are showing more
 on "the brown unlovely rug," but
 the brown patches are still there.
 Do you remember the delightful
 outdoor children's parties that we
 attended when we were very young
 and we stood around in a circle,
 holding hands, and singing:
 "On the green carpet we stand,
 Take your true love by the hand;
 Choose the one that you like best
 Before you close your eyes in
 rest."

Then a very bashful little girl or
 boy, imprisoned in the middle,
 would under protest single out an
 equally shy one of the opposite sex.
 Then what happened? I rather
 think there was a forfeit to be paid.
 I imagine this old game, like "Lon-
 don Bridge", came over on the
 Mayflower.
 Yesterday, having a little time on
 my hands, I walked through the
 entire length of the Moody birth-
 place garden. This year it has been
 extended to be twice its length. In
 spite of patient care on the part of
 the gardener, many of the plants
 are still languishing and dwarfed,
 compared with what they should be.
 I was struck by the fact that many
 of the plants supposed to bloom
 in August are already in bloom.
 The gladioli seemed to be stand-
 ing their punishment well and the
 hollyhocks, all double and of many
 shades, were in excellent condition.
 The Chinese mums too did not seem
 to mind the dry weather.
 A good while watching two pairs
 of humming birds swiftly darting
 at the bee-balm, of which there was
 a lot. Their excited little chatter
 attracted me at first. Each couple
 seemed to be having an argument.
 They would scold, dart straight up
 in the air, peck at one another,
 then dart back for the nectar. Evi-
 dently life was not all nectar and
 ambrosia for them, either, like the
 Hollywood couples (and too many
 others) we hear about. The bees
 stayed on the job and got their
 fill.
 The "blue balls" along our front
 walk are attracting much attention
 just now. Some call them the
 "pin-cushion plants". They are
 really Iceland thistles. They are
 an intense cerulean blue, very round
 and closely packed with many tiny
 florets which have a delicate odor
 and evidently contain enough nec-
 tar to make them worth a visit from
 myriads of golden bees, not a few

TOWN TOPICS
 Mr. and Mrs. Horace Field and
 family have moved into their new
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